

REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement of October 5, 2005, claims 1-31 were the subject of a Restriction Requirement dividing the claims into Group I (claims 1-5); Group II (claims 6-11); Group III (claims 12-18); Group IV (claims 19-29); and Group V (claims 30-31).

A. Response to Restriction Requirement.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, claims 19-29 of Group IV are hereby elected without traverse. Claims 1-18 and 30-31 are cancelled, without prejudice to the subject matter thereof.

B. Claim Amendments to Claim 19 and Newly Presented Claims.

Elected apparatus claim 19 has been substantially further amended, in a form which greatly expands upon and identifies (a) features of the claimed apparatus having a chamber in which the previously claimed paddle was received, and (b) features of the paddle. No new matter is added by this amendment, which should substantially move prosecution forward beyond the generalized form of original claim 19.

The amendments to claim 19 are generally patterned after claim 1 from the corresponding European Patent Application No. 00937102.2, which has been allowed by the European Patent Office. Please see the Communication under Rule 51(4) EPC with attached allowed claim set enclosed herewith.

To further simplify the subject matter of the dependent claims to be examined as part of Group IV, claims 20-29 are cancelled above in favor of newly added dependent claims 32-51. These dependent claims generally track allowed claims 2-21 of EP No. 00937102.2. No new matter is believed to have been added.

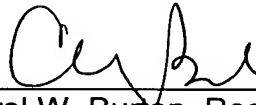
C. Petition for 3-Month Extension and Applicability of Small Entity Status.

Applicant hereby petitions for a 3-Month Extension of Time, extending the due date of the response from November 5, 2005 to February 5, 2006. Applicant hereby states that small entity status applies to this application. Accordingly, enclosed is a check in the amount of \$510.00 for the small entity 3-month extension of time fee. Please charge any other fees associated with this

transmittal to Deposit Account No. 50-1123. Should any questions remain, please contact the undersigned by telephone.

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Respectfully submitted,



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